Title: Need to provide better telecommunication facilities in Sunderbans area, West Bengal-Laid.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR) : I would like to bring the attention of the Government about the ineffectiveness of the MARR System in the Sunderban areas. I have raised this issue many times. Even though there has been promise to introduce WLL technology from the Government, so far no action has been taken. The MARR System is totally defunct in the Sunderban areas. The communication network has almost been collapsed. The topography of the Sunderbans is such that telephone network is essential for the people of the region. As the communication has virtually collapsed the people have been put to tremendous hardships.

Therefore, I would urge the Government to replace the MARR system with WLL immediately so that communication network can be restored. The Government should give top most priority as it has already promised for the replacement of MARR. But no work has so far been started. In view of this, the Government should take immediate steps for the early commencement of the work.